

City of Beaverton

Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC)

Meeting Notes

6:30 PM, Thursday, 12 January 2012

Bicycle Advisory Committee website: <http://www.beavertonoregon.gov/index.aspx?nid=278>

Call to Order

Introductions and Call to Order at 6:30pm by Nathan Potter.

Present

Nathan Potter, Vice-Chair; Ernie Conway; Sandra Frederiksen; Michael Mulligan; Leslie Ruh; Mary Elizabeth Smith; Brian Walker; Richard Walker; Margaret Middleton, Staff Liaison; Councilor Betty Bode; Officer Jim Patrick

Absent

Barbara Chapnick, Chair

Visitors

Steve Boughton, Tigard Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
Lynne Mutrie, Beaverton Safe Routes to School Coordinator
Megan Talalemotu, The Crandall Group, 45° Central

Approval of Minutes

December 2011 minutes were approved without revision. 6/0 (3 abstentions).

Staff Communications

Betty Bode reported that “everything was fine.”

Officer Patrick noted that there has been continued issues with pedestrian safety and that another pedestrian was hit by an automobile. He also noted that the NW Safety Council meeting is on the same night so that he may not always attend the BAC meetings.

Staff Liaison Margaret Middleton reported that the Crescent Connection project has been recommended for funding through the ODOT Flexible Funds program for \$1.2 M (less than \$2.1 M requested) for preliminary design and purchase of right-of-way. The funding will make the project “shovel ready”.

Washington County has started discussions about the Major Streets Transportation Improvement Program (MSTIP) 3d program and projects. Street improvements funded by MSTIP include bike lanes and sidewalks because both are required by state law on all arterial streets. The city has submitted a project to widen and improve Farmington Road from Murray Blvd to Hocken Ave. The current public meeting plan calls for public presentations and open house meetings in March. The draft MSTIP 3d project list is a starting point for discussions and Margaret encouraged public participation. She also asked for support for the project, which is a much needed safety, bicycle, pedestrian, and access-to-transit improvement project within Beaverton.

The BAC annual presentation to the Beaverton City Council has been postponed to 22 February.

Visitor Items

No visitor items.

New Business

45 Degree Central Presentation

Megan Talalemotu provided a presentation of the 45° Central development on the corner of Murray Blvd and Jenkins Rd. The development will include single-level condominiums with elevator access, detached single-family houses, and a club house with pool and retail commercial space. The houses will be “alley-loaded” with garage access in back and will feature energy efficient designs and recycled materials. While the development is near the Beaverton Creek and Millikan Way MAX stations, only the Millikan Way station offers direct access by foot or bike. The development will include new streets and connections to the surrounding neighborhoods. Primary access will be from Jenkins Rd with limited access from Murray Blvd.

The committee discussed bicycle parking facilities with Ms. Talalemotu in the retail area and around the club house. Members provided recommendations for placement and rack design and discussed access and facilities for bicycles within the neighborhood.

Bicycle Education in Beaverton Schools

Lynne Mutrie provided a brief presentation of the Safe Routes to School program in the Beaverton School District. Last year, the program was open to 10 schools in the district and is open to all schools this year. The school district has two coordinators for the program who will focus on providing resources and information. They are currently engaged in a mapping project to identify safe routes and provide resources for classes on bicycle safety for participants.

There are currently about 6000 children from 16 elementary schools participating in the program. The number of schools is up from 9 schools last year. The program has been well received at Sexton Mountain Elementary. The Sexton Mountain NAC has also helped by purchasing new bike racks for the school. Nearby Cooper Mountain Elementary has started a program. Vose Elementary has requested bicycle safety education for its 4th and 5th grade students. The program is currently funded for students in grades K-8. No high schools are currently involved in the program.

They are working with the Bicycle Transportation Alliance to provide training for bicycle safety instructors and use the BTA instructional model of 10 hours of instruction with 4 hours of class time and 6 hours of practice. The program is always in need of volunteers either as instructional trainers or as chaperones for community rides and bike trains.

The Safe Routes to School program is a federally funded program administered by the Oregon Department of Transportation. Although funding has been renewed under continuing resolutions in Congress, funding is in jeopardy and has been recommended for cuts in the federal budget process.

Old Business

2012 Officer Election

The committee decided in a unanimous voted to elect Barbara Chapnick as Chair and Nathan Potter as Vice-Chair of the Beaverton Bicycle Advisory Committee for 2012. Brian Walker volunteered to do minutes for 2012.

Action Plan & Beaverton Vision

Barbara Chapnick reported by email that she had worked on several action plan items. Brad Choy at the City of Hillsboro proposed the creation of a bicycle advisory committee in Hillsboro. Barbara has offered assistance in that effort. Barbara Chapnick and Mary Smith have been discussing with interested parties about forming a countywide coordinating committee for bicycle and pedestrian issues.

Mary Smith attended the County Board of Commissioners work session where Shelley Oylear presented the Bike/Ped Tool Kit. Mary Smith also asked about contacts at Beaverton High School in order to start discussions about a bike club as part of her action plan task (2.6).

Committee Communications

Tigard Bike/Pedestrian Committee Report: Leslie Ruh and visitor Steve Boughton reported that the Tigard Bike/Ped committee did not meet in December.

THPRD Trails Committee Update: Nathan Potter and Margaret Middleton attended the THPRD Trails Advisory Committee. Nathan reported that the committee heard a presentation about the Hall Blvd Fanno Creek crossing and that the underpass option is currently preferred. They also heard a report on the trails master plan at the Terpenning complex and an update on Lowami-Hart Woods.

THPRD Trails Advisory Committee attendance schedule:

January:	Richard Walker
February:	Mary Smith
March:	Brian Walker
April:	Ernie Conway
May:	Barbara Chapnick

Ernie Conway reported that he has been appointed to the advisory committee for the Washington County Transportation Plan Update. He will be attending a total of 16 meetings as representative for CPO 3.

Your City Article Ideas

Mike noted that he would do the article on bike helmets.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Bicycle Advisory Committee is scheduled for February 9, 2012, in the 3rd Floor Conference Room of city hall.

Adjourn

Adjourned at 8:37pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Brian Walker